

FACT SHEET



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Indiana Clean Marina Program

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Description:

The Indiana Clean Marina Program is a voluntary program that provides guidance and education to help marina and boatyard operators protect the resources that sustain their livelihood – clean water, clean air, and healthy fish and wildlife. The goal of the Clean Marina Program is to reduce pollution associated with recreational boating facilities and protect the state's aquatic habitats.

Environmental Impacts:

- The following pollutants are often generated at marinas and in the course of recreational boating:
 - Petroleum hydrocarbons from fuel, oil, and solvents.
 - Nutrients and pathogens from overboard sewage discharge and pet waste.
 - Toxic metals and compounds from hull antifoulants, boat cleaning and maintenance.
 - Liquid and solid wastes generated from general marina activities and engine and hull maintenance.
 - Sediments from parking lots, construction site run-off and shoreline erosion.
 - Fish waste from dockside fish cleaning.
 - Invasive species introduced into the water body from boats, trailers and bait.
- Pollutants often concentrate in marinas since the marinas are often in areas that are protected from the wind, waves, and current. Marina basins are often poorly flushed and therefore more susceptible to damage by pollutants.

IDEM's Role:

- IDEM designates marinas as Clean Marinas if they meet the following requirements:
 - Meet all federal and state laws that pertain to their facilities.
 - Achieve a cumulative score of at least 80 percent of selected best management practices listed in the *Clean Marina Guidebook* that apply to their facility.
- IDEM provides free technical assistance, such as guidance on best management practices and on-site assistance for meeting legal requirements.

Clean Marina Program Benefits:

- Enjoy free publicity for your marina – Marinas that are recognized as a Clean Marina are promoted through news releases, newsletters, and boating guides. Indiana will provide Clean Marina signs and flags to display, and the Indiana Clean Marina logo may be used on the marina's letterhead.
- Increase your customer base – Marinas will be able to use the Clean Marina designation as a way of promoting a cleaner and healthier facility.
- Improve water quality and habitat – Marinas and boaters can enjoy cleaner waters and attractive shorelines, adding to the marinas' continued success and the enjoyment of boaters.
- Walk the talk – Marinas will be able to demonstrate that they are good stewards of the environment while they ask patrons to do the same.

Additional Information:

- For a copy of the Indiana Clean Marina Guidebook, visit <http://www.in.gov/idem/prevention/2445.htm>.
- For more information on becoming an Indiana Clean Marina, please contact the Indiana Department of Environmental Management's Office of Program Support at (800) 988-7901 or, by email at cleanmarinaprogram@idem.IN.gov.